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Michelle Nicely
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Howard E. Preissman

Application No.: 10/039,892

Filed: October 26, 2001

For: **HIGH PRESSURE APPLICATOR**

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Examiner: Michael B. Priddy

Art Unit: 8727

RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 18, 2003, Applicant elects Species E, Figs. 11-12c without traverse. At least claims 1-4, 15-27 and 38-42 read thereon.

Applicant also hereby requests a 2 month extension of time.

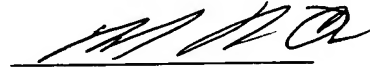
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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (408) 736-0224.

Respectfully submitted,





Richard R. Batt
Reg. No. 43,485

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